



*Informing Professional Geologists  
of the events and developments  
that affect their profession*

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## Your Board Members

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*Bremerton*

Ken Neal, LG, LEG • *Olympia*

Ron Teissere, LG • *Olympia*

Public Member Vacant

### Staff

Joseph Vincent Jr.  
*Administrator*

Joan Y. Robinson  
*Program Manager*

Emma Butler  
*Program Representative*

## Message from the Board Chair

*Russ Darr*

### OFFICE CHANGES

The Geologist Licensing Program has a new Administrator. Joe Vincent comes to us from the Engineer and Land surveyor Board. Last year Joan Robinson became our Program Manager. Joan was a key player in getting the Geologist Program up and running. Emma Butler our primary contact person joined the program last fall. We are also looking for a Board Member. This person cannot work with geologists but serves a very important function of providing us with input from the lay person perspective. If you know of anyone please contact the Board Office.

### GEOLOGIST PARTICIPATION

I hope to get more of you involved in the Board activities. Some of you participated in developing the Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology specialty examinations and we thank you for your help. This is just one of the licensing activities where the Board needs your help. I would like to see committees with non-board member participation. Our standing Board Committees are:

Investigation and Enforcement  
Rules  
Exam  
Communications

We need your input and participation to allow the Board to better serve you. If you are interested in participating or would like more information please contact Emma Butler our DOL contact at 360-664-1497. Emma's work hours are Tuesday-Friday 6:30am-5:00pm. Committee membership is at the discretion of the Committee Chairman.

*Administrative services are provided to the Board by the Department of Licensing. The Department and the Board have a policy of providing equal access to its services. If you need special accommodation, please call (360) 664-1497 or TTY (360) 664-8885.*



## Geologist Licensing Board

As a licensee or a stakeholder, you may be interested in how the Geologist Licensing Board ("Board") is constituted, what powers it possesses and where and how often it meets. Established in RCW 18.220.030, the seven-member Board includes six licensed geologists and one public member, all of whom are appointed by the Director of the Department of Licensing to four-year terms. The seventh member is the State Geologist. Board members must have at least ten years of experience in the practice of geology to be eligible for appointment to the Board. Two of the members must be licensed in a specialty recognized by the Board. The public member may not have a professional or financial affiliation with a geologist.

Initial Board appointment terms were staggered the first year of the program to ensure that no more than two Board members' terms expired in one year.

**Russ Darr, LG, LHG, Board Chair**, a resident of Olympia, represents hydrogeologists on the Board. He was a Director of the National Ground Water Association; Co-founder and President of the Colorado Ground Water Association. He has published, presented and lectured on geology issues and is recognized by the State EPA Information Management Workgroup for visionary leadership on national projects between 1995 and 2002. Russ spent 36 years as a geologist, including 31 years as a hydrogeologist in consulting firms, state and

federal jobs. Russ served a 1-year term on the Board, and was re-appointed to a 4-year term that expires on May 1, 2006.

**R. Scott Babcock, PhD, LG, Vice Chair**, a resident of Bellingham, is the academic representative on the board. He is currently Chair of the Department of Geology at Western Washington University. He has been teaching and conducting research in geochemistry at the university since 1967. Scott's 3-year term expires on May 1, 2008.

**Jeffery H. Randall, PhD, LG, LHG, Secretary** a resident of Preston, represents hydrogeologists on the board. He is a Principal Hydrologist with Ch2M HILL in Bellevue, Washington. He had five years of teaching and research at the University of Arizona before joining CH2M HILL in 1978. Work in the United States and abroad has included hazardous waste, solid waste, water resources, and water supply projects. Jeff's 4-year term expires on May 1, 2009.

**Reese P. Hastings, LG, LHG, JD**, a resident of Bremerton, is a geologist, hydrogeologist and attorney. He is a member of the Oregon State and American Bar Associations, and the Northwest Mining Association (Past Secretary and Trustee). He has over 22 years of combined geologic, legal, and regulatory project management experience in domestic and international resource development projects. He directs technical and regulatory components of mineral and water resource valuation, project feasibility studies, and resource-specific environmental services performed by Hastings & Associates, Inc. He also performs project due diligence, land title review, project financing evaluations, project permitting and reclamation. His 3-year term expires May 1, 2008.

**Kenneth G. Neal, LG, LEG**, resident of Olympia, represents engineering geologists on the Board. He is also registered as a geologist and certified engineering geologist in Oregon, and is certified by the Department of Natural Resources Forest Practices Division in Watershed Analysis. He has 29 years of experience in the engineering geology profession, including 17 years with the USDA Forest Service and 10 years as the owner of a small consulting business. He also works intermittently as a disaster assistance employee with the Federal



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Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Ken served a two-year term on the Board and was reappointed to a four-year term that expires May 1, 2007.

**Ron Teissere, LG**, an Olympia resident, serves as an *ex officio* member of the Board (RCW 18.220.030) as the State Geologist and Division Manager for the Washington Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geology and Earth Resources. Ron has been employed by the Department of Natural Resources for the past 17 years in mineral resource, land management, contract management, aquatic resource, and geology work. Since 1965, Ron has been employed by several corporations engaged in mineral, coal, and hydrocarbon exploration and development in geological, land management, and managerial positions. Ron's appointment is set in statute, so his term is indefinite.

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## New Board Administrator

Please join us in welcoming Joe Vincent Jr. to the Board team. Joe was hired as the new Board Administrator for the Geologist Board on February 1, 2005. He also is the administrator for the Architect, Landscape Architect, Cemetery and Funeral Directors and Embalmers Boards.

Prior to his appointment, Joe was the Licensing Program Director for the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. His most recent duties included overseeing exam development and administration for multiple locally prepared exams, as well as those administered by NCEES. He also led the implementation a new law regulating designers of on-site wastewater treatment systems. Joe began with the Department of Licensing in 1992.

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## How The Board Conducts Business

The Geologist Licensing Board is comprised of seven members, including representatives from the respective specialties, one academic representative, the State Geologist, and a public member, who has no prior personal connection to the profession.

Board officers include a Secretary, Vice-Chair, and Chair, who are elected to office during the first regular meeting of the year. Under current policy, members progress through the Secretary and Vice-Chair positions, and subsequently are elected Chair.

The Board currently conducts four regular meetings per year and may call special meeting to conduct Board business. The Board Chair presides over each meeting. Meetings are conducted using the general guidelines of Roberts Rules of Order. A written agenda is published prior to each meeting. A time for public input is scheduled during each meeting.

The Board currently has four standing committees, a Rules Committee, a Communications Committee, an Exam Committee, and Investigations and Enforcement Committee. Each committee is comprised of three Board members. Committee meetings are scheduled as needed, and meeting times are not normally made public. We foresee this changing in the future as the committee workloads increase, and licensees become more active in the regulation of their profession.

The Board holds four regular meeting a year, and a number of special meetings throughout the year.

The 2006 meeting schedule is:

**February 14:** Olympia

**May 9:** Olympia

**August 8:** Olympia

**November 14:** Olympia

You are invited to attend Board meetings and give Board members feedback on issues related to licensure. The meeting times and room locations can be accessed on the geologist website address at [www.dol.wa.gov/design/geofront.htm](http://www.dol.wa.gov/design/geofront.htm)

# Thank You Volunteers

Since 2002, 26 Engineering Geologists and 45 Hydrogeologists have donated their time and energy to make it possible to develop our two specialty examinations. Please visit the Volunteer Hall of Fame for additional details: navigate to the Geologist home page ([www.dol.wa.gov/design/geofront.htm](http://www.dol.wa.gov/design/geofront.htm)) and click on the Quick Clicks Volunteer link.

If you haven't volunteered before or are wondering just what a psychometrician does and want to learn all the other wonderful arcane nomenclature from the field of test development (and have some fun as well), please email Jeff Randall/HG ([jeff.randall@ch2m.com](mailto:jeff.randall@ch2m.com)) or Ken Neal/EG ([kengneal@aol.com](mailto:kengneal@aol.com)) and they will add your name to their volunteer distribution lists.

## Engineering Geologist Volunteers

Days of Service	Days of Service	Days of Service
Badger, Tom ..... 6	Hapala, Rex ..... 2	Molinari, Mark ..... 2
Bickett, Walter ..... 2	Humphrey, Chris ..... 2	Peterson, Gary ..... 3
Blackwood, Timothy ..... 4	Kent, Richard ..... 4	Pfeiffer, Amy ..... 2
Evans, Steve ..... 5	King, Michael ..... 3	Schick, James ..... 2
Foster, Kevin ..... 2	Kuper, H. Tom ..... 2	Scofield, David ..... 8
Freitag, George ..... 4	Laird, Jeff ..... 3	Struthers, Jim ..... 5
Galster, Dick ..... 5	LaManna, John ..... 4	Threet, Richard ..... 4
Gless, J Douglas ..... 6	Landry, Peter ..... 2	Wilmoth, Ruth ..... 2
Halbert, Bill ..... 2	Michael, David ..... 7	

## Hydrogeologist Volunteers

Days of Service	Days of Service	Days of Service
Atkins, Vance ..... 3	Germiat, Steve ..... 1	Morrice, Joe ..... 1
Beard, Larry ..... 1	Goodrich, James ..... 3	Peterson, Lance ..... 4
Becker, Joseph ..... 2	Graber, Craig ..... 2	Piechowski, Mike ..... 1
Carpenter, Bruce ..... 1	Hay, James ..... 3	Rohrer, Bill ..... 5
Carr, James ..... 2	Hillman, Douglas ..... 1	St. Godard, Eugene ..... 2
Colligan, Thomas ..... 2	Horton, Duane ..... 5	Sugar, Arnie ..... 2
Conner, Leslee ..... 1	Johnston, Carol ..... 4	Threet, Richard ..... 4
Craig, R. Michael ..... 2	Kenrick, Michael ..... 1	Tolan, Terry ..... 3
Cruz, Jerome ..... 1	Kent, Richard ..... 2	Udaloy, Anne ..... 3
Culhane, Tom ..... 1	King, K. Scott ..... 5	Vick, Heather ..... 1
Drost, Bri an ..... 2	Li, Tong ..... 2	Warfel, Michael ..... 2
Dudziak, Suzanne ..... 1	Maggi, Martha ..... 5	West, Larry ..... 1
Dyer, Randal ..... 1	Matthews, Daniel ..... 1	Wong, Bernard ..... 1
Eckerlin, Richard ..... 3	Matthews, Sandra ..... 1	Wyatt, Glen ..... 1
Enos, David ..... 3	Mitchell, Robert ..... 1	Wong, Bernard ..... 1
Gauthier, Marilyn ..... 2		

If we failed to include your name, or have the wrong number of days of service, please accept our sincere apology and let us *know so we can make the appropriate corrections.*

## Volunteers

The development of Engineering Geologist and Hydrogeologist specialty exams has been very successful because of the generous support of many volunteers. The Geologist Licensing Board and the Department of Licensing **Thank You!**

If you would like to add your name to the growing list of volunteers, please contact our office or visit the geologist website to see volunteer opportunities.



# Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Geologist Licensing Board and the management of the Department of Licensing, are seeking comments from our customers about the service and products we provide. The results of this survey will help us identify how we are performing and where we could make improvements in the services and products we provide. In addition, at the end of the survey you are invited to provide any additional comments on subjects that may not have been covered in the questions below.

Please take the time to complete this survey and return it to us via FAX: (360) 664-1495 or by regular mail: P.O. Box 9045, Olympia, WA, 98507-9045.

1. Please rank the top three of the following existing services in their order of importance to you.
- ☐ Access to understandable forms and instructions.
  - ☐ A fair and efficient licensing process.
  - ☐ Accurate and current information on the Board Web site.
  - ☐ Renew a license online.
  - ☐ Access to licensed Board staff for information or consultation.
  - ☐ Participation in Board decision-making.
  - ☐ Effective and balanced law enforcement.
  - ☐ Regular publication of the *Geologist Newsletter*.

## SECTION A: Application Processing

Please answer the following questions about your experience when applying for a license or a certificate with the Board. If you have not submitted an application, please proceed to SECTION B.

2. Which of the following applications have you submitted within the past year?
- ☐ Geologist (exam)
  - ☐ Geologist (reciprocity)
3. How satisfied were you in the services you received?  
(Circle the number that best represents your response to the statement, where 1 represents DISAGREE up to 5 being AGREE)
- A. The information and instructions for completing the application were understandable.
- |                 |   |   |   |              |
|-----------------|---|---|---|--------------|
| <u>Disagree</u> |   |   |   | <u>Agree</u> |
| 1               | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5            |
- B. You were provided an explanation of the application review process and the amount of time required to make a decision.
- |                 |   |   |   |              |
|-----------------|---|---|---|--------------|
| <u>Disagree</u> |   |   |   | <u>Agree</u> |
| 1               | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5            |
- C. If you were found ineligible for licensure, you were provided an explanation of your appeal opportunities and the process.
- |                 |   |   |   |              |
|-----------------|---|---|---|--------------|
| <u>Disagree</u> |   |   |   | <u>Agree</u> |
| 1               | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5            |
- D. You received courteous and prompt service from Board staff.
- |                 |   |   |   |              |
|-----------------|---|---|---|--------------|
| <u>Disagree</u> |   |   |   | <u>Agree</u> |
| 1               | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5            |

- E. If you took an examination, *and you passed*, you were given complete information on what steps and timeline remained before a license/certificate would be issued.

<u>Disagree</u>				<u>Agree</u>
1	2	3	4	5

- F. If you took an examination, *and you failed*, you were given complete information on what steps were required to be eligible for a subsequent examination.

<u>Disagree</u>				<u>Agree</u>
1	2	3	4	5

- G. You received your wall certificate within 2 weeks of when you were licensed.

<u>Disagree</u>				<u>Agree</u>
1	2	3	4	5

## SECTION B: Online Services

Please answer these questions if you have used the online services and products available from the Board. If you have not, please answer the last question in this section and proceed to SECTION C.

4. How often do you use online services from the Board?
- ☐ Weekly
  - ☐ Monthly
  - ☐ 1 to 3 times every 6 months
  - ☐ 1 to 3 times a year
  - ☐ Never
5. Please rank the top three of the following online services in their order of importance to you. If you have not used
- ☐ Downloadable forms.
  - ☐ Renew a license.
  - ☐ Access list of licensees for license status.
  - ☐ Access past Board Journals.
  - ☐ Email notification of Board notices.
  - ☐ Links to related sites.
  - ☐ Access to laws and rules.
  - ☐ Special articles and announcements.
  - ☐ Board information (members, phone numbers, address, hours).
6. How satisfied were you with the online services you received?
- A. The Board website displayed pertinent information.
- |                 |   |   |   |              |     |
|-----------------|---|---|---|--------------|-----|
| <u>Disagree</u> |   |   |   | <u>Agree</u> | N/A |
| 1               | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5            |     |

B. The Board website was easy to Navigate.  
Disagree Agree  
 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

C. It is easy to lookup information on licensees.  
Disagree Agree  
 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

D. The links included on the Board website are useful.  
Disagree Agree  
 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

E. The process to renew a license online was easy to follow.  
Disagree Agree  
 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

7. If you have not used the online *LICENSE RENEWAL* service, please let us know why? (mark all that apply)
- ☐ I prefer not to do transactions online for any reason.
  - ☐ I am not confident of the security for online business transactions.
  - ☐ I do not use MasterCard or Visa.
  - ☐ The instructions were unclear and confusing.
  - ☐ I did not know that online renewals were available.
  - ☐ I intended to but forgot about it.

### SECTION C: Newsletter

8. How satisfied were you with the content and presentation of the Geologist Newsletter?

A. The *Newsletter* is organized in a professional and user-friendly format.  
Disagree Agree  
 1 2 3 4 5

B. I find that the *Newsletter* contains information that is useful to me as a licensee.  
Disagree Agree  
 1 2 3 4 5

C. Overall, I am satisfied in the Content and presentation of the *Newsletter*.  
Disagree Agree  
 1 2 3 4 5

### SECTION D: Informational Inquiries

9. When you contact the Board office, what method(s) do you prefer to use? (mark all that apply)
- ☐ Phone ☐ email ☐ fax
  - ☐ US mail ☐ Courier (FedEx/UPS etc.)
  - ☐ Office visit

10. How many times in the past two years have you contacted the Board office?  
 None 1 2 3 4 5+

11. When you contacted the Board office, how many attempts were necessary to obtain the information you were seeking?  
 None 1 2 3 4 5+

12. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with your most recent contact with our office.

A. The phone voice message I left was replied to within 24 hours. I was able to speak with the person I was attempting to reach.  
Disagree Agree  
 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

B. I received the information I needed.  
Disagree Agree  
 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

C. The staff member who assisted me was courteous and knowledgeable.  
Disagree Agree  
 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

D. The message I sent was acknowledged or replied to within one week.  
Disagree Agree  
 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

E. Overall, I was given quality service when I last contacted the Board.  
Disagree Agree  
 1 2 3 4 5 N/A

Use this space to provide any clarification to your responses or to further help us identify areas of our service delivery that can be improved.

# Washington State Board Of Registration For Geologists

## STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR SUMMER 2005

### Licensing Activity - 06/1/2005 TO 06/30/2005

### LICENSE STATUS AS OF 06/30/2005

Reciprocity applications processed ..... 16

Exam applications processed ..... 4

Renewals processed ..... 123

Licenses granted ..... 17

Active Washington Licenses ..... 1,285

Active Out-of-State Licenses ..... 828

Total Active Licenses ..... 2,113

# *Congratulations!*

The following people have been licensed as Geologists since January 1, 2005.

Joanna Roos Latham

Tracey Ann Mulhern

Balin Benner Strickler

Ronald P Nance

Terrence E Belunes

Karl Allan Harmon

Michael E Pappalardo

Paul T Spillers

Michael John Pickering

Justin Francis Foslien

Alexander McKenzie-Johnson

Charles L Ard

Aaron Lee Fox

Tina M Gary

Brian Dennis Gouran

Geoffrey Hjorth Garrison

William R Cullochdasson

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## News From The August Board Meeting

The BIG ONE the Board and Department of Licensing (DOL) have agreed to enact a suspension of a portion of the licensing fee for the basic Geologist License. DOL staff are working on the numbers to determine the duration and at what level this suspension will be. Our target is a 50% reduction. The Board will then monitor the effects of the reduction to determine at what point a removal of the fee suspension would be appropriate. We are doing everything possible to have this in effect by January 1, 2006.

Dave Parks from Department of Natural Resources addressed the Board with issues around Engineering Geology reports. As a result he has agreed to work with Board member Ken Neal and other licensed engineering geologists to develop guidance for Engineering Geology reports. If you are willing help out on this project please contact Emma Butler at the DOL office at (360) 664-1497.

The Exam Committee needs volunteers to work on the Next Task Analysis. This is the study that defines the practice of geology in the state of Washington. Contact Emma Butler at the DOL office at (360) 664-1497.

Our Board meetings, usually in Olympia, are open to you and the public. We are considering having meetings at various locations around the state and would like to invite suggestions for potential future meetings sites for consideration.

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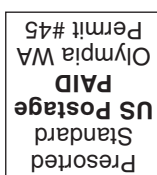
## Future Board Activities

We have survived the grand parenting period and now are working on streamlining the regulations. A revised version of Chapter 308-15 WAC was accepted by the code reviser's office late last year. See the Geologist's web site for these new regulations.

The Board will continue to evaluate anticipated costs and necessary revenues to support ongoing Board operations in an effort to realize continued fee decreases, such as those mentioned earlier in this journal.

You may wonder why the fee suspension has taken this long to come about. The answer lies in the fact that we are a new program without any history. We have been able to develop specialty exams with your help at less than expected costs. We are now just getting into the state of maturity where we are receiving more complaints about people practicing without licenses, and complaints about licensed geologists. This is expected to be the area with large costs. We are evaluating costs from other licensed professional programs to project the possible costs.

This is the first of our quarterly news letter. Please let us know what material you would like to have included for future additions.



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